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Taft's Finish

The Johnson victory not only eliminates Taft but insures the nomination of Hughes. The "near panic," blame for which is given Roosevelt, started the movement towards the New York governor, and the Cleveland election has given it the final impetus.

Taft is recognized as a Roosevelt puppet, a ponderous sort of marionette, and public feeling is setting in against the President. Hughes has skillfully placed himself in a position to get the advantage of this reaction. His insurance investigation record gave him a great reputation as a reformer, and while guarding it very carefully, he has taken pains to conciliate the money kings and cater to "vested rights" and the "interests." He has also antagonized the Roosevelt policies in subtle fashion, deprecating this and gravely rebuking that, so that he has really become the logical man for the anti-Roosevelt sentiment to crystallize about.

Taken all in all, Hughes is anything but a safe man. Cold, calculating, and inherently a friend of wealth and power, his reform reputation is a mushroom growth without value or permanence. Outside of his insurance investigation he has done nothing to justify faith in him as a champion of the people. He vetoed a two-cent fare bill, and has seen to it that no measures have passed that jeopardized the railroad interests.

But the people have some belief in him, and this is being cleverly fostered by the Wall street captains who see in Hughes a man that can be used. The Cleveland result proves that all this secret work is having its effect, and that Taft is a dead cock in the pit.—Kansas City Independent.

A "Squeeze Out" at Odessa.

Those from this city who went to Odessa last Saturday to witness the foot ball game between the Y. M. P. A. team of this city and the Odessa high school team as well as the players, brought back a tale of woe for the treatment received.

The game was called on time but did not last long. The ball was kicked off to Higginsville and was taken far up the line. On the next down Estell Ridge made a run and almost made a touchdown. The Odessa boys claimed that Higginsville should be penalized and here's where the trouble began and ended.

The visitors wouldn't stand for the penalty and the Odessa boys wouldn't stand for anything else. There was all kinds of "rag chewing" on both sides and the game was called off.

It is said that the most disgraceful scene was around the hotel after supper. The Higginsville contingent say that they never saw a more disorderly crowd. Some one said something about "egging" the visitors. To the credit of the Odessa foot ball team it is said that the maker of this statement was an outsider and not a member of the team. Miss Kate Vandiver became hysterical at the contemplated trouble and fainted in the parlor of the Myrtle hotel.

Of course we have heard only one side of the story and do not criticize the better element of Odessa people. Far from it. For it was there we spent more than a dozen years of our life and shall always have a warm spot in our heart for the dear old town.—Higginsville Jeffersonian.

Mr. Cowherd received a high compliment last week when the University Club, of Kansas City, gave a banquet in his honor and the speakers eulogized the guest of honor. Mr. Cowherd has the distinction of being born in Missouri, educated at the Missouri State University, and married a Missouri woman. The present Governor was born in Tennessee, while three of his predecessors came from Madison county, Kentucky. The impression is growing that a native born Missourian could be found who would fill the high office of Governor as capably and acceptably to the people as any one of the numerous Governors born in other states. But the highest compliment paid to Mr. Cowherd lay in the fact that the University Club is strictly non-partisan, and the affair was a tribute to the man and citizen, and not to the politician.—Sweet Springs Herald.

Store Robbed in Dunkburg.

Mr. Andler's store at Dunkburg was entered by a burglar on Sunday night. The thief made his entrance through the rear door. He sawed a hole in the door, about eighteen inches above the door bolt, stuck his arm through the hole and unbolted the door. He rifled the cash drawer which contained from \$60 to \$70 in cash and made his escape. Mr. Andler does not know the exact amount taken, nor whether goods were taken. There is no clue as to who committed the crime.—Concordian.

Uncle Arch Gregory's Mule—Not Joe Shelby's

Mr. Arch Gregory thinks he is entitled to the sympathy of his friends and neighbors.

Uncle Arch—you know, well, the other night, at 1:20 o'clock he was awakened by the shouts and cries of a negro man. "Lord ha' mercy! he's! he's!" came nearer and Uncle Arch could hardly wait to find out what was the matter. "Come an' see. De pore mule done fell in de well and is drownin'." Without stopping they ran across the field and sure enough one of those fine \$250 mules had gotten out, had run over the cover and had fallen in the well—as it happened, hind legs first. There the animal was, braying for help, sending chills thru everybody near enough to hear.

The men gathered, and in a little while got a stump puller and started for the mule. They worked all day before they succeeded in raising him, but it was to late. The excitement and fright together with beating the stone wall, had killed him.

Uncle Arch said he would not mind if the lightning had struck the mule or he had gotten sick and died, but to think it was his carelessness that let the mule get killed.

"Now, don't make a mistake and get that me instead of the mule," was his parting advice after he told us of his loss.—Marshall Democrat News.

Free Government the Safeguard of our Nation.

It is a cause for thanksgiving that we have so long enjoyed here the blessings of free government for which many are still contending with heroic effort and immense sacrifice, and with free speech, a free press, and freedom of conscience, we are in a position to maintain the liberties which have come down to us from the fathers.

The dual character of our government has played an important part in its perpetuity—a more important part than many suppose. Centralization is the greatest foe that popular government has to encounter, for it is supported by arguments that are plausible. "Can you not trust the people of the nation?" asks the friend of centralization. "Are they not the same individuals who make the laws in the various States?" Yes; but the government is best when it is nearest the people, and the people can act most intelligently upon the questions about which they are the best informed. The people through the framers of our Constitution, wisely delegated to the federal government the powers necessary for the conduct of national affairs and, as wisely, reserved to the States and to themselves the right to control the affairs of the state and the community.

We can never be sufficiently thankful for the wisdom manifested by those who launched

our nation upon its splendid career and laid the foundation for the success we have enjoyed. The governmental structure they framed will never be outgrown, for it is as well adapted to a nation of three hundred millions of people as it was to a nation of three millions—the general government welding the nation together into one harmonious whole, and the State and local governments guarding the home, the school, the property, the liberty, and the life of the citizen.

—From "Why We Ought to Be Thankful" by William Jennings Bryan, in the Circle for November.

Only the people who live in Franklin county know what you mean in speaking of cob pipe corn. For instance, a Clover Bottom farmer brought in a load of cobs for one of the factories here Monday and when one of the cobs was found with a mouse nest inside and two little ones; the farmer was not surprised at all; said it was a common occurrence.—Franklin Co. Observer.

To Bar Fraternities.

It is said that the school board of Springfield, Mo., will pass an order at the next session of that body prohibiting Greek letter fraternities in the High School of that town. Fraternities are not permitted in the Carthage High School, and in Kansas there is a state law passed at the last session of the legislature forbidding the organization of fraternities in the High Schools of that state. The objection in most cases is that it tends to do away with democratic spirit in the public schools.—Carthage Democrat.

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